

Legion Notes

The local Legion mourns the loss of the former comrade C. T. Atwood whose funeral services were held on Saturday, March 27th, in the Second Ward Chapel. To pay last tribute to the deceased comrade, a representative body of the Legionnaires attended the funeral services and interment at the local cemetery.

At the Executive meeting of the Branch held on Sunday, April 4th a decision was confirmed to hold the regular monthly general meeting in the Hungarian Hall on a scheduled date of the second Wednesday of the month, April 14th, at 8:00 p.m.

An interesting program of entertainment which includes a movie film on timely topics, games, music and refreshments, was arranged.

All war veterans of Raymond and district regardless of their affiliation with the branch are cordially invited to meet together on this occasion. The time demands urgency and readiness to render service.

The Legion Travelling Exhibit designed to keep the public informed on the progress with the campaign of public subscriptions in support of

the Legion Memorial hall reappeared at this time on the corner show window of the Broadway Store. A new collection of the war trophies was added to the exhibit displaying besides a panoramic view of the Legion Hall a list of the subscribers to the Legion Memorial Building fund.

The Legionnaires are jubilant of the continuing public support which has resulted in the thermometer rise to date above a mark of \$100. Additional contributions are hereby acknowledged with gratitude.

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BEHIND THE BOOST

Behind the latest nationwide increase in rail-transported freight rates is the belief in informed sources along Parliament Hill that the cost of living for the average Canadian will not rise by any substantial degree, though here and there minor price boosts of certain commodities will undoubtedly appear in time boosts ranging according to the extent of the rail haul and the bulk of the articles. In fact, it is even forecast here that, as far as the cost-of-living is concerned, any extensive buyers' resistance against higher prices of many articles and seasonal declines in others, particularly some foodstuffs would quickly counteract such increases as involved in possible higher costs of rail-transported freight when these boosts are passed along to the consumer with freight rates generally estimated to account for about 3 percent of retail prices.

This means that, in the end the effects on the cost-of-living of this freight rate increase will not be enormous in face of the flaming headlines, judging from the viewpoint of an observer along Parliament Hill.

However, there is a strong hint in the judgement of the Board of Transport Commissioners here that should be known by the average Canadian since it states that this freight rate influence on the cost of living may not involve a permanent condition in regard to the higher rate or present new rate. "When costs of transportation are materially reduced the Board can of course direct a reduction in rates. In other words the structure is not by any means something that cannot be altered, wrote the commissioners, that is the majority of them, in the 163 page document of about 64,000 words

Obviously the Board reserves the right to rescind its order at any time if it should decide the railways in Canada are obtaining more than enough revenue to keep them operating efficiently with the decision stating that these companies will have to furnish the Board monthly statements of their operations revenue, operating expenses and net income.

Should the Board at any time be of the opinion that a greater amount of money is being paid to the rail way companies than is actually necessary to enable them to maintain a reasonable degree of operating efficiency the Board reserves the right at any time, on notice to readjust the rates to meet the conditions then existing "the judgment said, "On the other hand," it added "should the amount of the advance in rates authorized prove to be insufficient the railways can always apply again."

BORDER CHECK-UP

It is reported in this capital that immigration authorities in both the U.S. and Canada are now keeping a very close check-up on the movements of Communists or those suspected of being engaged in such activities in either of the two countries with a recent meeting here between such top officials said to have had a bearing on this, though there has been no official confirmation. Nevertheless, it is deemed to be highly significant that an announcement here of Canada's policy to exclude U.S. Union officers suspected of being communists followed closely a meeting here of American and Canadian immigration officials.

JUST ANOTHER RUMOR

In recent days, a rumor has been circulated widely that since the government had some close shaves in voting in the House of Commons lately, a general election may be called in 1948, probably in the fall. Whether any such appeal to the people of Canada will or will not occur cannot be reported but it can be reported that its cause will most certainly not be based on the close shaves in voting. It is quite true that vote margins have been narrow sensationally narrow, prior to the Easter recess. However, experienced observers know that the House of Commons was half-empty on these occasions since many members had left for the holidays and still the Government forces managed to win by comfortable majorities over the combined opposing forces.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

The "good neighbor" talks between Prime Minister King and President Truman are becoming more and more like those which used to take place between the head of the Canadian Government and the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, leading on each occasion to some momentous or all important decisions. Consequently the latest visit between Mr. King and the President both in Washington and Williamsburg, Va., is presumed here to be of more than passing interest, especially in view of current world conditions and the threat to peace as well as Canada's dollar position.

SUCCESS STORIES

According to Eddie Dunlop, himself blinded in action overseas and now Director of the casualty Rehabilitation Branch for the Veterans Department here, two out of three of the 29,534 seriously disabled veterans of World War 2 were now re-established in employment, with 19,607 at work and 7,980 still receiving treatment, training or other services. He disclosed that 1947 had been the busiest year yet and added "no diminution of the intensity of these services may be expected" for the coming months. An analysis showed that even in the case of men getting between 75 and 100 percent pension plus helplessness allowance, more than half are now at work, with 55, 39 percent of 269 men having taken jobs, most of them paraplegics.

DOMESTIC RENTAL CONTROLS

It is understood here that the Minister of Finance, Hon. Douglas Abbott, with his officials are going to give a good deal of attention to questions of domestic rental controls since it is known along Parliament Hill that the Canadian Government would like to get rid of the headache of domestic rental control as soon as possible. There is decided flavor here in giving a "substantial advance notice" to the public of any action in this respect, it is stated in informed quarters.

SAID IN THE CAPITAL

We have placed too much emphasis on the material instead of the moral and spiritual and there is a lack of co-operative desire to make the world a better place for all" said here A.R. Mosher, President,

Canadian Congress of Labor, who has been in important executive positions in Canadian labor movements for 40 years.

"The reserve forces are a major part of Canada's defence forces", declared Hon. Brooke Claxton, Defence Minister, in an address here. "In the event of an emergency the reserves would again constitute the framework for the organization of larger active forces."

"I do not think any move for war will be taken at an early time," stated Hon. J. H. van Riel, Ambassador for the Netherlands to Canada, adding quickly "on one condition that we remain strong and prepared."

"There is a definite need for mental clinics in addition to mental hospitals and the need is for one clinic for each 100,000 of population in Canada," said Dr. C. G. Stoddill, Chief of the Mental Health Division, Department of National Health and Welfare, in this capital.

"If Canadians are as generous as they were last year, we will be short again", commented Postmaster General Bertrand on an underestimation by his department of the number of parcels sent by Canadians to the United Kingdom last year.

"There is a missionary field in this country for our churches that they never touch", said Judge Allan J. Fraser in an address here, stressing that the reason over 75 percent of our prison population are repeat offenders is that Canadians are too intolerant to give those people a fair chance to reestablish themselves.

WEEKLY WIND-UP

It is understood along parliament Hill that there is a strong view that Canada's exchange position might

be helped but probably would not be "cured" if farmers were allowed to export their products to the United States now rather than to the United Kingdom.

Italians in Canada are being urged by church leaders of their Roman Catholic faith to write air-mail letters to their relatives and friends in Italy that the Canadian and American democracies are superior to Communism so that they may warn them not to be led astray by Communist propaganda.

It is believed that the butter shortage in Eastern Canada may disappear within two or three weeks, though the situation is acute at the moment.

Ship, plane and train collisions will become a thing of the past when radar enters into civilian life, Dr. R. W. Doyre, director of the National Research Council told an audience in this capital.

Though the CBC has recommended approval of plans to establish a French language broadcasting station at Edmonton, yet it is pointed out here that the Transport Department must make the final decision in such matters.

Sales of radios skyrocketed in Canada during the past year, reaching \$1,160,000 in September, 1947 but these have been receding steadily so that by February 1948, they had dropped to \$786,000, says an official report here.

More and more talk is being heard backstage in this capital about the need for establishing a parliamentary committee to study the National Film Board's operations in the same way as the CBC



EMPLOYERS MUST OBTAIN NEW UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BOOKS

All 1947-48 Unemployment Insurance Books expired on March 31st, 1948.

New books will be issued by the National Employment Office to employers, but only when old books are completed and turned in to the Office.

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